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As a U.S. citizen living abroad, I am very concerned that the proposed settlement with Microsoft does not begin to address the harm done to the software industry nor does it create an environment where anticompetitive behaviors will be stopped.

In order for the software industry to recover, the retail software (especially the word processing, spreadsheet and browser software) must be separated from the operating system. No paper wall will achieve this - the company must be split in two (at least).

Interestingly, the stockholders of MS will benefit far more under this scenario based on the results of significant breakups of the past. The economy of the U.S. will benefit and the market for software and related services will grow.

During this period of recession, permitting recessionary forces, such as anticompetitive monopolistic behavior, can only hurt us all.

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